

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

DEWANN RIGGS,

Defendant.

Case: 2:24-cr-20300

Assigned To : Berg, Terrence G.

Referral Judge: Altman, Kimberly G.

Assign. Date : 6/5/2024

Description: INDI USA V SEALED MATTER (JH)

Violations:

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1)

18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)

18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)

Indictment

The Grand Jury charges that:

Count One

Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute

21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(ii)

On or about April 3, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, DEWANN RIGGS, knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute a controlled substance, that is, 500 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of

cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(ii).

Count Two

**Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a
Drug-Trafficking Crime
18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(A)**

On or about April 3, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, DEWANN RIGGS, knowingly possessed a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, as charged in Count One of this Indictment; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A).

Count Three

**Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)**

On or about April 3, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, DEWANN RIGGS, knowing that he had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed, in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce,

a firearm, that is, a Stoege 9mm handgun, a Springfield XD45 handgun, a Glock 26 9mm handgun, and a Romarm/Cugir Draco 7.62x39mm AK-47 pistol, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

Forfeiture Allegations

The allegations contained in Counts One, Two, and Three of this Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeiture under Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d) together with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

Under Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d)(1) together with Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), upon conviction of the offenses in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g) and/or 924(c) set forth in Counts Two and Three of this Indictment, the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States of America, any firearm or ammunition involved in or used in any knowing violation of the offenses, including, but not limited to: a Stoege 9mm handgun, a

Springfield XD45 handgun, a Glock 26 9mm handgun, and a Romarm/Cugir Draco 7.62x39mm AK-47 pistol.

Under Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, upon conviction of an offense in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841, the defendant, shall forfeit to the United States of America any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of such offense and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, the offense, including but not limited to approximately \$42,500 in United States currency seized on or about April 3, 2024.

As part of the forfeiture in this case, the United States intends to seek entry of a forfeiture money judgment equal to the value of all property defendant obtained as a result of his violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;

- b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party;
- c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court;
- d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
- e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property under Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

This is a True Bill.

/s/ Grand Jury Foreperson
Grand Jury Foreperson

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Dated: June 5, 2024

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Criminal Case Cover

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Companion Case Information	Companion Case Number:
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :	Judge Assigned:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	AUSA's Initials:

Case Title: USA v. Dewann Riggs

County where offense occurred : Wayne

Check One: ☒ **Felony** ☐ **Misdemeanor** ☐ **Petty**

☒ Indictment/____ Information --- **no** prior complaint.
☐ Indictment/____ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number: _____]
☐ Indictment/____ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].]

Superseding Case Information

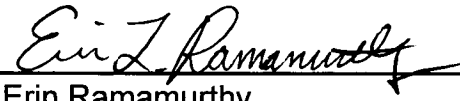
Superseding to Case No: _____ **Judge:** _____

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

<u>Defendant name</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Prior Complaint (if applicable)</u>
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Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

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